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1. In Burkach village, as throughout the majority of the Pleven area, most of the farmers belong to agricultural cooperatives. Of the 500 families in Burkach, only 20 families are non-members. The non-members own approximately 1,000 to 1,500 decares of land and have been denounced as enemies of the people.
 2. The cooperative of Burkach controls some 20,000 decares of land and uses equipment from the Machine Tractor Station at Bezhanovo (N4313 E2424), six kilometers from Burkach. Part of the purchase price of such equipment is paid in foodstuffs. Much of the farming of the cooperative lands is done manually.
 3. The agricultural cooperative raises wheat, barley, corn, rye, oats, tobacco, sunflowers, and cotton. In 1951, the farmers delivered 150,000 kilograms of grain, corn, and barley to the State. After quotas had been met, the remainder of the harvest was divided among the members of the cooperative. For each "working

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day, measured by the plowing of five decares of land with a pair of horses or the harvesting of one decare of land, each member received the following crop items:

- a. Wheat, four kilograms;
 - b. Unground corn, six kilograms;
 - c. Barley, 400 grams;
 - d. Oats, 300 grams;
 - e. Sunflower oil, 20 grams;
 - f. Sugar, 20 grams;
 - g. White cheese, 10 grams; and
 - h. Cotton cloth, two centimeters.
4. Persons who did not meet the "working day" standard received lesser proportions of the crops when the division was made. Each member of the cooperative also received 300 leva (old currency) for each "working day"; however this money was not paid directly to the farmer but was given to the cooperative and the farmer had to apply to the cooperative for a portion of it when he was in need. The cooperative used the balance of the money for "construction" work.

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